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## Vande Zande Views

From Sept. 22 to Sept. 25, Mr. Gerald VandeZande, executive secretary of the Christian Labor Association of Canada (C.L.A.C.) aroused faculty, students, and local persons through mass meetings and discussion groups. Although discussing the responsibilities and roles of a Christian in politics at his several speaking appearances, Mr. VandeZande foundationally-outlined these roles in the mass meeting held on Sept. 23. He spoke on the topic, "Our Christian Response to the Distress of Our Age".

At that time, he pointed out the disunity of society today and the loss of religious principles. The cure for society, he maintained, is to understand the word of God in order to understand the vices of men. The responsibility to present this word belongs to all Christians and we must live from this perspective. Mr. VandeZande went on to say that this does not mean we should shun all other men; but that we must be of one mind to be forceful. He illustrated our disunity in the two evils--adultery and idolatry. He maintained we must not only have a unity against moral evil but also against social and political evils.

To the charge that the C.A.F. (Christian Action Foundation) and C.L.A.C. are separatist, Mr. VandeZande retorts that not these organizations, but those who support the various political parties and labor unions are separatists, because they

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## F.M. News

Rumors about a proposed Dordt College FM Radio Station have been voiced around campus for some time. The Diamond now has facts to broadcast: Dordt College should be "on the air" not later than Easter. The radio station will be 45,000 watts, extending beyond Sioux City, Sioux Falls, the Edgerton area, and the Sanborn - Hartley area.

Much of the work preliminary to erection and operation of such a radio station has already been completed. The proposed FM station was presented and approved not only by the Board of Trustees and voting members board, but also by a general society meeting. Estimation of the cost and all the legal work has been completed by the appointed committee, headed by Rev. Haan, with the assistance of a consulting engineer from Spencer and an attorney at Washington, D. C. Permission has been secured from the Federal Aviation Association to erect a tower; four companies, including RCA, have submitted bids. Now we await a license from the Federal Communications Committee before construction and operation can begin.

Although the Dordt College Board of Trustees has actual ownership and control of the FM station, the management will be through the Board appointed committee headed by the college president, Rev. Haan. Jerry Vander Pol, a former Dordt student who is managing an FM station in Lynden, Washington, has expressed

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## New Edifices On Campus

When most of the girls came to the campus this fall, nearly everyone eagerly anticipated rooming in the new dorm. To many the unfinished structure was beautiful, to others it was so-so, and to most of them the plumbers presented the greatest problem. But they soon learned to contend with it and are still doing so, perhaps to a lesser degree than before.

Begun last winter, the new construction project is rapidly moving to completion and should be thoroughly finished, plumbers and all, by November 1. The smaller odds and ends, such as finishing off the lobby and the lounge must yet be completed.

Undoubtedly the gentlemen readers of the Diamond circulation are most interested in means of dorm communication other than pebble throwing, flag waving, and a feminine intercom system run in pony-express fashion. Be it comforting to these heavy-hearted hardies that an abundance of telephones are planned for the dorm: at least two on each floor! But we must still survive the two weeks before they are put into use.

The social heart of the college, the dining hall, has also been a construction project this summer. Aside from the expanded dining area, the dining hall annex also contains the student union. With our two separated dorms, student union might have more symbolism than one realizes. At any rate, it should be ready to go during this week.

R.T.M.

## JOHN CALVIN WOODCUT RECEIVED

On September 20 the Signet staff received a letter from du Musée historique de la Réformation et Bibliothèque Calvinienne in Geneva, Switzerland, granting a request for a woodcut drawing of John Calvin. The picture received is a reproduction of the original sixteenth-century work, which is the property of the Geneva Historical Museum of the Reformation. The Signet has been given gratis publication rights to this picture, which must be returned after usage.

J. M.





By Jerry Korn

Thou hast heard that it hath been said, that men of all nations shalt be able to understand and comprehend the truth of the Bible. Therefore thou findest many different modern versions of the Word. Why hast thou accepted these versions? Canst thou not humble thyself to enter the gates of thy church: nay thou art too defiled, thine thoughts art to go near and far to propagate the word without the walls of sanctional confines. Therefore it is that I have seen the word placed upon the shelves of the newsstand: the black vintage of it with the word Bible stamped upon it almost hidden by the vast field of such ludicrous pamphlets as Playboy, Cavalier, and others of that Gentilean vintage. Aforetimes it hath been translated and hath been bound in paper-backs so that thou mightest be able to buy it cheaply. This is not meant to diminish or decay the content; but rather placeth it into thine hands that thou mightest be enabled to understand and comprehend the truth found therein. The rhetoric of it hath been made simple so that thou hast a common basis to argue its values. Thou hast heard the cries of the impossibility of understanding the word: so thou hast interpreted and hast placed its meanings upon the footstool of thine rhetoric. Therefore take thou it and repudiate thine brethern that wish to cling to the conciseness of the King's version. Use thou it to debate the old for surely with the commonness of thine material thou shouldst be enabled to thwart the rantings and ravings of the old school. Give thou it unto the world for they shouldst be able to behold and adapt the truths of it.

But if the world understandeth not nor comprehendeth not thine simplicity and commonness: if thou canst not justify thine thoughts through it: if it still doth not prove the spirituality of man overagainst the sensuality of the world: come not running back to

the King's version like drunken swagbards that hath lost their tongues. But rather let thyself realize that thou art the one that wantedst to be challenged by the world. Thou sufferedst it to fall to the ground. Thou hast made it common enough so that it even rateth a place upon the shelves of the newsstand. It useth a common rhetoric now; but lest thou forget so doth Harpers, Esquire, etc. Thou hast placed its philosophical truths into the world of competition: doth its impetus have to be competitive?

## A Dordt Sport Report

The sports picture at Dordt is still vague at this early writing, however it should be a good year for athletics. This year Dordt is expanding its sports program with the addition of Crosscountry. Coach Timmer has nine men out, and reports that spirit is very high. These boys have been running daily, sweating out mile after mile in preparation for their meets. The meet dates will be printed when available.

Crosscountry running is a sport of endurance. You must have the ability to keep running after your stride has been broken again and again. You must be able to forget the pain in your side and the ache of your legs. There is no quarter mile marker to judge your speed. You must run over all types of terrains, and further, you must run as a team. The first five places are counted. First place receives one point, second place, two points etc. The team with the least points wins. Simple? Not quite, since each sends on the average a dozen men over the four mile course. These men must work together in paring each other in order to get as many as into the upper five.

The season outlook cannot be readily given because of its newness, but with fine spirit you can do many things, so boys, keep a runnin'.

The Dordt Basketball schedule will be out soon. This year the Defenders will face the toughest slate yet. Anyone who wants to strengthen the team with his talents is encouraged to come out.

J.H.

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an interest in operating the Dordt College FM Radio Station. It will be run, if possible, on a self-supporting basis; through individual voluntary gifts, and support from our churches through use of time for evangelism purposes.

The significance of this FM Radio Station must not be underestimated. North Central Association has stated that Dordt College, being somewhat restricted in its social life due to religious commitments, must look for something imaginative in its academic program. This radio station will meet this suggestion with a positive, comprehensive, and permanent program. It will be of inestimable value educationally, culturally, socially, and religiously, providing a new channel for Christian witness.

C.V.Z.

## VANDE ZANDE VIEWS

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support something that does not mention God and promotes humanism. Mr. VandeZande proposed that becoming united with basic roots in God, Christians would become a political influence toward many issues. Among those discussed were right-to-work laws, labor unions, and strikes.

Mr. VandeZande, although stating that unified Christian action is desirable, maintains that while supporting candidates of various political parties we should always explain our stand and indicate that we support their end but by different motivation. Mr. VandeZande stressed that if Christ is not allowed in a political party we should not join this party.

In ensuing discussions on Saturday and Sunday, Mr. VandeZande challenged and provoked, fed and fed up the student discussion groups as he was questioned on the implications of such a "radical" move. Generally speaking, Mr. VandeZande handled the sessions with admirable tact as he spoke to groups with divided feelings often influenced by nationalistic backgrounds.

In these various discussion sessions and speeches, Mr. VandeZande produced much spirit and thought. The speaker is gone but the challenge remains. What will be our reaction?

L.D.K.



# Speak Up

Among the most blatant accusations against the Dordt College Student Body in past years have been apathy, false contentment, and the desire to remain snugly within the cozy walls of our own thoughts. The purpose of this column is to provide a means whereby individuals or groups of students can voice their opinions on important issues. It is my opinion that the greatest enemy of Dordt College lurks within its walls -- within its students. This enemy is, of course, Satan himself, and he has found a breeding ground for one of his most potent weapons -- apathy, or what I would prefer to call "smugness." The students of Dordt College are too self-satisfied. Many students express well thought-out opinions to a roommate or a small group over the supper table but are afraid to raise their voices beyond this weak whisper.

Dordt College is in desperate need of students who are willing to stand up for what they believe even if they know that controversy and dissatisfaction will result. We are so quick to condemn the sniper tactics of the Viet Cong as being gutless and cowardly, but how many of us react in the same way? How many of us retreat to the seclusion of our rooms with a few close friends and verbally snipe away at someone who has the fortitude to voice an opinion.

Come on, let's get out of our holes and into the tall grass. Let's be willing to stick our heads up and challenge someone to knock it off. What better way is there to get to know ourselves, our fellow students, and most important of all, our philosophy of life. We can wallow around up to our ears in pep talks about making Dordt a bustling, intellectual community, but only when we, the students, display the fortitude necessary to stand up under fire will this dream become reality.

This is a public column open to the opinions of all students. This column will exist only as long as students express their opinions. If this column dies, it will be because of the lack of student interest and concern. If you have an idea but don't quite

know how to express it, get together with a few friends and write in as a group or see me or one of the editors and we will do what we can to help.

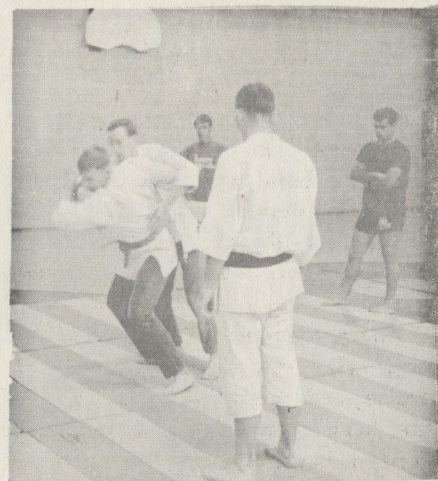
Whether we want to accept this Pact or not, there is a showdown taking place in every one of us between "smugness" and fortitude. These two foes will be fighting in us for the rest of our lives, and the one that is winning will determine whether we succeed or fail in using our God-given talents to the best of our ability. Let's show our skeptics that we have the fortitude to speak up our opinions.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Veldman

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In a column such as this it is inevitable that an article or two will be written concerning the operation of the commons. In the past the questionable quality of the food has often been a subject of interest, but this year I think most students would have to agree that the quality has improved.

It is hoped that, unless something drastic happens, this subject will now be considered trite. However, one matter concerning the commons still deserves a few words. This, of course, is the celebrated increase in doughnut prices. Some controversy has resulted over this issue to the point where yours truly has been threatened with being dismissed from school if after-chapel doughnut sales continue. We have gone to the bakery uptown where doughnuts are 5 cents a piece and sold them in the commons for 5 cents -- 3 cents under the common's price. The first sale was done in the spirit of light protest but the threat of expulsion prompted a more serious appraisal of the situation. Doughnut sales continued but with a more serious and determined spirit. We are not protesting the 60% increase in price nor are we protesting the 100% profit made on each doughnut. We realize that a new snack shop costs money and we are willing to contribute. The point of protest is this. We feel that the administration is inconsistent in its demands upon the students. We are told to stand up for our Christian faith and what we believe is right, but when we raise a humble objection



Judo Instruction....  
"For Dorm Counselors?"

on campus we are promptly threatened with expulsion.

The majority of Dordt students are professing members of their respective churches and are accepted by those churches as adult members in full communion. Why should we then be treated as people just reaching puberty. We are not protesting what the administration has done, namely, raise the price of doughnuts and ice cream. But we do protest the way in which they raised the prices. Nothing was said prior to the raise; no notices were posted explaining why the raise was necessary. On the contrary, we came to the commons one day expecting a doughnut and coffee for a dime and surprisingly find we don't have enough money.

We feel like we have been patted on the top of our heads and told what nice boys and girls we are and that we either pay the new prices or get out. We don't like to be treated like students on the junior high level. We expect to be treated like college-age young men and women. We don't want to be informed of the financial status of our college, nor do we want to approve every move made by our financial department. But when costs increase overnight and we are told nothing about it, then we are justified in demanding a brief, written explanation to be posted in the commons or the bulletin boards. This certainly is not asking too much.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Veldman



# In Blue

(Ed. note: Since Spectrum by its very name allows expression of more than one tenet, and since Mr. Bomer desires a singular stage from which to express himself, he has been allowed to write under a new column.)

Again the halls of Dordt College ring with the chapel's hymns of praise, and again the campus carries the hum of learning. In an age of twisted ideals and intellectual blasphemy, we return to accept the freedom of academic endeavor within our small Christian society. This we accept as an undeserved gift of Goa, and this we must strive to develop for His honor. However, our actions sometimes seem to bow to the influences of secular ideals and accept doctrines of those who seek to demolish our faith. Among these popular misconceptions is the notion of "academic freedom."

During the summer months of this year, the Communist Party, U.S.A. held their first convention since being vindicated by the Supreme Court in late 1965. In a three-hour speech, General Secretary Gus Hall praised "the emerging left trend... in the youth movement." Hall expressed his appreciation to the campus intellectuals and liberals who provided a forum for Red propaganda:

"It was these young Americans who spearheaded the fight to get Marxism and the viewpoint of the Communist Party into the marketplace of ideas."

Whenever any legal opposition arises to prevent Communist speakers from invading our campuses, the cry of "academic freedom" rings forth in defense of the presumed "right" of our enemies to have a voice on our campuses. J. Edgar Hoover has observed that "it is ironic that Communist Party speaker -- whose minds and thoughts and actions are in no manner free -- should demand the opportunity to parrot the Moscow line to young Americans under the guise of academic freedom." The majority of our nation's academic institutions have been affected to

some extent by this notion of "academic freedom," and principles have often been pushed aside by the obsession to know "the other side."

At Dordt College we stand on principles which can never be compromised. We enjoy and take for granted the academic freedom to expand our knowledge and prepare ourselves for lives in Christ's service. To know "the other side" should be limited to an understanding necessary for our Christian witness in a secular society. We must guard against any recognition of "the other side" as merely another viewpoint on life with equal status. Our activities sometimes seem to reflect this spurious philosophy.

We must stand outspokenly and unwaveringly on our Christian principles. There is no room for a recognized voice from "the other side." "For, if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?" --1 Corinthians 14:8.

"The other side of fact is falsehood. The other side of freedom is slavery. The other side of loyalty is treason."

## MATH-X-CLUB

Twenty-five eager mathematicians, mostly upperclassmen, attended the organizational meeting of the Math Club. After electing Mr. Sjoerdsma club sponsor, the club proceeded to set the second Wednesday of every month for its regular meeting. This will be approximately an hour meeting starting at 6:30. Miss Irene Kamper was appointed by the President to the position of Club Program Organizer for the coming year. The final half of the meeting was devoted to a mathematical brain teasers test (entrance requirement) formulated by the President. Dr. Alberda's 70% was matched by one student as the highest score! The club was pleased with the large turnout of upperclassmen but would like to see more

freshmen interested in math to come out and join the club.

There's no entrance test now,  
Fresh!  
D.B.

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## Students Down Faculty

Monday evening was Intramural Sign-up night, and the student body witnessed the kick-off of Dordt's Intramural season with a volley-ball set between the faculty and last year's All-Star Intramural team. It was a very exciting evening as the All-Stars defeated the faculty in 3 of the 5 games played. The faculty received their most severe drubbing in the second game, 15 - 4. Their team was comprised of such ferocious names as "Tiny" Timmer, "Kurly" Koekkoek, and "Wobbly" Westra. Mr. Meester, Mr. De Witt and Mr. Warmink were the other team members.

The fall intramural sports are about to get under way, with football providing most of the excitement. There are a total of nine teams. Three are composed of freshmen, one from the sophomores, three of the juniors, and two from the seniors. This is not as many teams as were expected, but the quality should make up for the lack of numbers.

Golf is gaining increasing popularity as an intramural sport. The entrance fees at the local golf course have been lowered, so those afflicted with pecuniosity will have a possibility. So far, there has been a good turnout, and even some girls have decided to take to the clubs. There are also a few entries in the two-ball foursome class, which is composed of boy-girl teams.

Many bowling teams have been organized as usual, and there promises to be some rough competition when these teams begin poundin' the pins. The kick-off date for bowling has not been announced, so keep checking the bulletin boards for announcements and schedules.

Intramurals have been a huge success in past years, perhaps even better this year. Remember, any full-time student at Dordt can enter, and there is a trophy for the class with the most points at the end of the year. So come on out! After all, you can't be rejected, you know!

R.C.



## Thalians

As you probably already know (at least you would know if you read your last Diamond), the fall production of the Thalians is to be Sheridan's The Rivals, a comedy. Although a definite date has not been set, play try-outs will be held sometime in the early part of October. The play cast female roles. All freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors with any degree of talent are urged to seriously consider trying out for a part. If your talents lie in an area other than acting we need you too -- to apply make-up, run the lights, build sets, take care of costumes, manage publicity, seating, programs etc. etc. And if you can chalk up lots and lots of previous experience in any of these areas it will help a great deal. Think it over -- seriously. Let's make this the greatest turn-out ever!

B.V.

## PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Phi Kappa Sigma is a club designed for future teachers and those interested in education. Activities and programs take place throughout the year to educate, inform, and interest the members of the club in the area of education and educating. The activities of last year included a visit to the Visual Aids Department of the University of South Dakota, a lecture by a school psychologist, a discussion by three administrators about teachers, student panels discussing the experiences of practice teaching, and a banquet to conclude the year. Programs of similar interest will be presented this year. Attend the meetings of this club for several worth-while, interesting hours.

October 10 Phi Kappa Sigma will hold their first meeting of the year.

October 10 Phi Kappa Sigma will hold their first meeting of the year. At this time officers for the coming year will be elected. All junior and senior education students and others interested in education are invited and urged to come. Films will be shown which will be of interest to future teachers. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in Room M201.

D.V.Z.

## CONSTRUCTION SHOTS



## CHECK-POINT CHARLIE



RE: UNIONS--Our Nearly-Completed Student Union

## Library Report

All students are strongly urged to take advantage of the many facilities offered by our new library. The curriculum lab and language arts lab (better known as the listening room) are open for use in the basement.

The reference section on the balcony boasts the addition of three new sets of encyclopedias: Encyclopedia Britannica, Collier's and Americana. Students may also have discovered the welcome addition of "easy chairs" in the magazine and newspaper section at the east end of the balcony.

Check the shelves at the library entrance for interesting new books in every field. For example, German students would enjoy perusing books like Germany: A Panorama in Color. If history is your field, look for books such as The Real War 1914-1918 by Luddell Hart. Find books on science, as Mellor's Modern Inorganic Chemistry by C. D. Parkes, and sociology, like Social Theory and Social Structure by Robert K. Merton. In the fiction department, look for such additions as Ice Palace by Edna Ferber, and The Town by Wm. Faulkner.

W.R.



## Faculty Freshman

Caesar had his generals, Washington had his aides, Lenin had his "comrades", and LBJ his advisors. Now, after years of suffering from an overloaded schedule, Dr. Ribbens has an assistant.

That assistant is Mr. John L. De Groot. He has recently assumed the newly created position as Administrative Assistant to the Dean. Mr. De Groot will take care of several things which Dr. Ribbens cannot take care of due to his many other tasks.

For instance, he will be touring the various communities serving in the capacity of a recruiting officer for Dordt College. Another of his functions is assisting students in getting loans. It is in this capacity that many students' checking accounts suggest he is most useful.

Mr. De Groot formerly attended Calvin College where he obtained his A.B. He also attended the University of South Dakota where he received a Masters degree in sociology.

Edgerton, Minn. was his home for the past 17 years where he taught and served as principal of the Southwestern Christian High School. He, along with his wife and family, now live in Sioux Center.

"We're getting acquainted here. Looks like we'll like it fine," said Mr. De Groot after being asked about his impression of Dordt.

We welcome Mr. De Groot to our faculty as he aids in increasing the administrative efficiency at Dordt.

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The list of married couples on campus has increased by one. The most recent annexation is that of Dr. and Mrs. Rozeboom.

Marital ties, however, are obviously not the reason for Mrs. Rozeboom's position as a faculty member at Dordt. Rather, she is assisting due to the absence of Mr. Veltkamp.

She is teaching several courses in Children's Literature at the present time.

Mrs. Rozeboom previously attended Calvin College for two years and Northern State Teacher's College of

Aberdeen, S. Dak. She earned a B. S. degree in Elementary Education while at Northern State.

Since that time, Mrs. Rozeboom's teaching career has run the gamut from kindergarten, through elementary and secondary levels, to her present position at Dordt.

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Tall, dark, handsome, and single. These are the characteristics of the ideal male according to some girls' ways of thinking.

There are several people meeting this description on campus. One of them is Mr. John Van Dyk, the newest member of the Dordt language department.

The characteristics mentioned above, however, are not the basis for his position on the Dordt teaching staff. He, first of all, attended Calvin College where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. He carried out further studies at the University of Michigan. It was there that he obtained an M.A. degree in Classical Studies.

Mr. Van Dyk then taught English and German at Ripon Christian High School for three years.

At Dordt he teaches Latin 301, Freshman English courses, and German 101.

Mr. Van Dyk was asked how he liked Dordt College. He replied, "I am very impressed with the vitality found on the Dordt campus."

B.B.

## "EIGHT CENTS?!"

A grave matter came to my attention not long ago. The students and faculty members of Dordt College are being subjected to a 60% increase in cost! Complaints have been lodged but to no avail. How far can they go? How much can they take? Are we fools, are we stupid? NO! People! Hear me out! The good life is no more. We must bid a fond farewell to the five-cent donut. No longer can we buy a cup of coffee and a donut with 15¢ and have enough money left for a roll of life savers. Our pockets have become heavy. They bulge with pennys. The powers that be have struck us where it hurts. Our pocket books are in danger.

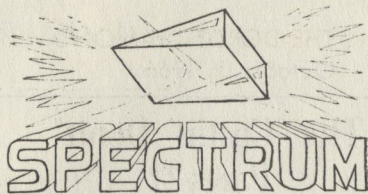
What can we do? To whom can we turn? Is rebellion the answer? Maybe a good riot!

Now that everyone is hopefully on the edge of their seats and ready to make signs, because of this so-called creativity, could we have it quiet in the back of the room? Everybody calm down. Relax. Just why are we so excited about three cents? Does the eight-cent donut really hurt us so much? Will we have to get an additional student loan because of it? NO! This isn't the straw that will break the camel's back. We're tough, we can take it. The human pocket-book can endure great hardship. This isn't the end of the world. The sky isn't falling. Why, some day our children will be paying 23¢ and rejoicing that it's not 25¢.

I think a word in passing is needed to partially justify the eight-cent donut. Upon inquiry, one will find that in order to defray expenses on the snack bar, the eight-cent donut was invoked. I imagine that it would be hard to find anyone who doesn't want a snack bar. Who knows, maybe the snack bar will serve a five-cent donut? It is hoped that once the student body is informed of the reason for the increase in donut price, they will realize that is might not be such a terrible thing. However, I hope that this report will not be the first announcement pertaining to the issue other than rumor and word of mouth. I feel that it is the administration's duty to inform the students on a matter that hits this close to home. Even though the whole matter might seem trivial, it does have its effect. It seems that the student body, along with the campus, is growing up, and we shouldn't be subjected to a 60% increase in cost without some explanation.

In conclusion, we students are just going to have to live with the increase in cost. I do have two solutions to our dilemma which might ease the pain. We could buy a cup of coffee and two donuts with a quarter and still have our five cents for a roll of candy. In addition, a penny gun-ball machine could be installed in the dining hall. This would be an adequate receptacle for all of those pennies.





by Eugene Van Hofwegen

There is a community in Northwest Iowa which cries out against Federal "encroachment" into education, but will readily accept a \$100,000 grant to build a new school building. These same people will cry out against Federal usurpation of power in community affairs, but will unhesitatingly approve a Federally-financed housing project.

Due to the forthcoming Congressional elections, some worthwhile national projects have come under heavy fire from certain factions in both political parties. Among these projects are such nationally-needed programs as the Job Corps, Vista, Urban Renewal, and the War on Poverty in general.

The critics of these programs have termed them everything from vote buying gimmicks, to wasteful and socialistic. They revel in declaring their supposedly high cost and spouting out statistics to "prove" it.

This would be fine except that the obvious benefits to society are ignored. It is easy for the well-fed Nixon to talk about the moral breakdown in society that is a result of welfare. We liberals realize this too. But we also realize that it is far worse to starve to death because one cannot get a job.

Is not money well-spent when a destitute family receives the opportunity to live in a well-built apartment? Can it be said that the funds spent to help an underprivileged youth become a productive member of society were poorly spent? Is it Federal "usurpation" of local government when a community is aided in establishing a worthwhile project?

I contend that these projects are not vote buying gimmicks, wasteful, or socialistic. If they were, the majority of Americans would be downright stupid. Are conservatives willing to make this statement? I further contend that the old story of the Federal government taking away our

freedom is grossly exaggerated.

In essence, it's about time we climbed out of the past and took a new and realistic look at the problems and issues today. We simply cannot solve Twentieth Century problems with Nineteenth Century political ideas. The sooner we realize this, the better and more productive our parting government will become. Can it be that we in Sioux Center are being wrong in our inconsistent attitude toward politics?

E.V.H.



by Bert Polman

Seerveld, Calvin, Take Hold of God and Pull, Chicago: Trinity Penny Sheet Press, 1966, 173 pages, paperback, \$2.50.

What is more relevant today for us as Christian scholars at Dordt than to be deeply, personally aware and inspired by our relationship with God? This relationship is so very intimate, so very vital, as to delve into all parts of our lives. And Dr. Seerveld does not hide this consideration! He openly presents the Scripture (in contemporary English), and in his accompanying meditations clearly describes the impact of God's Word for our lives. The thrust of the Bible is so directly presented in this book as to shock us at times! It is straightforward in language which is very much alive--a language which we as college students understand, for these messages by Dr. Seerveld were originally given at Trinity College as chapel talks.

"If God threw a party, prepared a banquet or an intimate symposium-style get-together, by invitation only, who wouldn't want to go?" (Luke 14:16-24) Read the account in Ezekiel 37 as God and Ezekiel go "helicoptering around" over a valley filled with dried bones. Follow David in his "foxhole" prayers as he turns to God and asks, "Bend over and listen to me Lord, for I need your help!"

(Psalm 86). And Dr. Seerveld encourages us to open our "perfumed" Bibles and read the case of Hosea and his wife, who "sleeps and dallies with strangers, and keeps on mincing around with a 'for sale' sign out." What does this case history mean for us?

Read this book (the bookstore has ordered it!) and be again inspired with God's message, which speaks to our contemporary times as perhaps never before. The Old Testament has as much meaning for us as the New.

Every Dordt student should read this book--it is easily worth its price!

## New Officials Club Formed

Monday, September 26, was the date which initiated the formation of the Intramural Officials Association. Students interested in officiating various intramural activities were urged to sign their names.

The club's purpose will make provision for competent referees for each Intramural event. Working in close association with this club will be the Intramural Council, which will call on the club for officials when they are needed. Members will be required to take an officiating test set up by Mr. Timmer. This test will indicate their knowledge of rules and regulations in the sport which they officiate. Meetings will be held periodically to discuss these rules. The members will be paid \$1.00 for intramural basketball, football, and softball games, and \$.50 for each volleyball game.

Potential looks very promising for this club since there are possibilities that the members will eventually be able to take the state officials test, and earn money officiating high school competition events.

Intramural enthusiasts, things are looking up! It is hoped that less complaining will be done in the future about referees, and that the service they are doing for us will be appreciated.

J.R.



## Editorial

### LEAVEN MINUS ACTION

Is there enough love to go around to make this whole thing work? Faith, man. Test the Spirit and let's find out.

To deal with the implications of C.A.F. in one editorial is probably foolish, because involvements needing editorial treatment themselves tend to pop up like morning toast.

Without compromising, two views - which we will call nearsighted and farsighted - can be discussed.

Looking far ahead we see all sorts of problems. Mr. VandeZande himself admitted that unless some leadership is given to Christian actions in different areas of life, we'll be hurting for answers to their detailed problems. Assuming we get the leadership, will that leadership degenerate into unchecked dominance? Is there enough open-mindedness among men to sit down together and iron out wrinkles of division? Who among fallible men will call the shots and say they are aimed out of Holy Scripture?

The whole theory of Biblically based, unified action in all areas of life is impractical to work out in everyday life if we deny the power of the Spirit of God. So it's time to put on those spectacles of faith and take a nearsighted view. That something must be done is evident. That organized Christian action can do the job is certain. But faith without work is dead. Now that we've put on those faith glasses will we sit and look at what must be done, or will we get out of and off of the rear and do it?

### Truth, Beauty and Music

From time to time, Christians take a fresh look at music and resolve to examine its basic principles anew. This consideration of the philosophy of music may result either from a scholarly need to positively assert the importance of music for life, or this philosophical activity may be caused by the need to defend music as an important part of life.

Using the positively motivated approach, several Dordt students will prepare articles for release in the

Whether organized Christian action is the best way to fulfill our cultural mandate is another question. It is being said that by separating from the secular organizations and forming our own we are cutting ourselves off and eliminating our chances of being a leavening influence. Perhaps this argument would hold if we could at present be assured that all Christian workers are leavening the lump in which they find themselves working. Possibly, to a small degree this is being done among the intellectual professions. But when ten farmers give ten different reasons for not joining the N.F.O., and when laborers in our own community seem blasé about their work, maybe the leaven has left. Instead of now and then defending our reasons for existing, it's time we offended with them. "I came not to send peace, but a sword."

It is time we worked with saving grace in mind, instead of only common grace. This does not mean that we cannot use what in common grace secular man has produced, but it does mean that we are obliged to apply saving grace in the use of these products. By organizing, we call attention to the fact in a much more dramatic way that we have the answer to man's problems. Depravity is the root of man's problem and saving grace is the radical cure.

Will we let the recent distilling presentation of this concept settle without some instillation of thought and action?

J.V.B.

Diamond and present some important considerations in the basic principles of music. Some important questions arise to stimulate further thought.

What is music, - an art, a science, or both? What is the function and value of music, and that specifically for the Christian? Which principles determine "good" music? Which principles determine the selection of music for home, school, and church? Is there such a category as "sacred" music, and if such exists, what are its principles? Read subsequent issues of the Diamond.

B.P.

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### The "Costin' Donit" Party??

According to the nose of the Diamond central intelligence agency, the higher powers that are should be alerted to probe all implications of this big controversy on campus.

The DOP (Donuts or Pistols) organization plan to hold a "Costin' Donit" party in the near future. First the Commons will be stormed by savages dressed like students who will pounce on anything with dough on the edge and nothing in the center. The motly mass will then turn on Casey's British Bakery and really start a rumble at the bloomin' joint. The tyrant! The bloke! Looting the store, they will sack the floor bags, the fresh donuts for stale, and even the ruddy donut fryer. Moving on, the barbaric band will trudge to Sandy Hollow singing hymns of freedom, "When the Com-plaints Come Marching In" and "How Wrong Has It Been." After a short water-side service, the "hole" bloomin' business, Casey and all, will be immersed. Whereupon the appropriate powers will rechristen the area, Sandy's Swallow.

J.A.B.

### Attention ---

#### GI Bill Students

Some information concerning payment procedures of the new GI Bill's education program has been received from the Veterans Administration Center. For your own good, check the main bulletin board and read this information!

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